



Restoration/Education Intern

Chesapeake Research Consortium-NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office

Project Description

The Chesapeake Research Consortium and the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) seek a Summer Restoration and Education Intern to be co-located at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in Gloucester Point, Virginia and at NOAA@Nauticus in Norfolk, Virginia for the period of late May through early August (twelve weeks). NOAA's Restoration Center maintains a satellite office at VIMS, which oversees habitat restoration projects throughout coastal Virginia. The VIMS office also enjoys a close relationship with the National Estuarine Research Reserve, with which NCBO partners each summer to host a summer science camp for middle school students. The NCBO satellite office at Nauticus supports education and outreach efforts throughout Virginia, and more specifically in the Hampton Roads area. In addition to supporting Nauticus summer science camps, the NOAA@Nauticus office participates in special events which promote and disseminate NOAA products and services.

The intern will support both NCBO programs at the VIMS and Nauticus offices by supporting restoration efforts in Virginia, participating in special events, assisting with Summer Science camps and staffing the NOAA Education Resource Center at Nauticus.

Opportunities

This internship provides an opportunity to learn about and contribute to coastal marine habitats in eastern Virginia, while communicating the value of these habitats to the public. The intern will gain a strong background in Chesapeake Bay flora and fauna identification, monitoring techniques (including topographic surveying, vegetation sampling, and fish sampling using seines and block nets), and NOAA products and services. The intern will work alongside and establish connections with a variety of NOAA partners, with potential for diverse networking opportunities and future career development.

Deliverables

- ✓ Contribute to NOAA Restoration Day in Virginia
- ✓ Support at least two summer science camps with education program development and/or implementation
- ✓ Support restoration efforts in Virginia, including species identification and collection; and habitat modification as needed
- ✓ Represent NOAA offices and programs at Harborfest event in Norfolk, VA

Requirements

- ✓ willingness to engage in physically demanding work, typically taking place outdoors
- ✓ preferred experience with educational programming (elementary or middle school level)
- ✓ motivated self-starter with ability to work independently
- ✓ excellent written and verbal skills; comfortable speaking to the public

The Intern will work part of the internship at VIMS in Gloucester Point, VA; and at Nauticus in Norfolk. Access to computers, copiers, and phone services for the position will be provided. The person must be a US citizen and will be reimbursed at the end of each month, for a total of up to \$3820 for the equivalent of twelve weeks of full-time activities (480 hours). No benefits or vacation reimbursements will be provided.

Please submit a short cover letter, resumé, and two references (phone numbers and e-mails) to Dave Jasinski at Dave Jasinski , 1801 Holly View Dr., Gloucester Point, VA 23062 or through e-mailing djasinsk@gmail.com by March 13, 2009.